

Claims

1. A method for communicating an online message to a recipient comprising the steps of:

receiving an online communication at an online address corresponding to said recipient;

determining an off-line delivery destination corresponding to said online address;

converting said online communication to an appropriate format for off-line delivery;

delivering said converted online communication to said off-line delivery destination.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein said step of determining an off-line delivery destination comprises the step of retrieving said off-line delivery destination from a database.

3. The method of claim 1 wherein said off-line delivery destination comprises a facsimile machine.

4. The method of claim 1 wherein said off-line delivery destination comprises a telephone system.

5. The method of claim 3 wherein said step of converting said online communication comprises converting said online communication into a facsimile format.

6. The method of claim 4 wherein said step of converting said online communication comprises converting said online communication into an audio format.

7. The method of claim 1 wherein said online communication comprises an electronic mail message.

8. The method of claim 1 wherein said online address comprises an electronic mail address.

9. The method of claim 1 wherein said recipient is a member of a group of recipients having online addresses that identify said group.

10. The method of claim 9 wherein said group comprises a professional group.

11. The method of claim 10 wherein said professional group comprises a group of doctors.